

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for user in a facility, comprising:
 - a system administrator;
 - said administrator including a data stream source including a first file;
 - said first file adapted to create a first data stream comprising a communication;
 - said administrator also including a plurality of decoders for receiving said first data stream from said source and converting it into a first analog signal;
 - said administrator also including a controller for receiving instructions from a user interface for selecting said first file from a plurality of files, said instructions being received through a data network of the facility;
 - said controller being adapted to instruct a first decoder from said plurality of decoders to select said first file on said source to cause said first data stream to be transmitted by said source to said first decoder for conversion into a first analog signal, said controller configured to control said plurality of decoders utilizing infrared signals; ~~and~~
 - a first media player for receiving said first analog signal streamed from said first decoder through a cable network operated independently from ~~a~~ said data network of said facility and deploying said communication; and
 - a first modulator for receiving a plurality of analog signals including said first analog signal and modulating said plurality of analog signals into a modulated signal for transmission purposes over the cable network, wherein content from the plurality of files is played independently by a plurality of media players on at least one separate channel from the modulated signal.
2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said data stream source is a server, and wherein each of said plurality of decoders communicates with said server through a separate communication channel.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said file adapted to create a first data stream is in MPEG format.
4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said user interface includes a telephone configured to provide a series of prompts that are synchronously displayed to the first media player for controlling playback of said first file through one of the plurality of decoders.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said user interface includes a PC serially connected to said controller.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said user interface includes a PC networked with said controller through the data network for receiving the instructions.

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said first decoder further comprises a DVD decoder.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said administrator comprises:
an internal network including a system server, wherein said user interface and said instructions are displayed to a media player in a present location of a user.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, ~~comprising~~
a first modulator for receiving a plurality of analog signals including said first analog signal and modulating said plurality of analog signals into a modulated signal for transmission purposes over the cable network, wherein content from the plurality of files is played independently by a plurality of media players on at least one separate channel from the modulated signal wherein each of the plurality of analog signals are modulated into a dedicated channel associated with each of the plurality of decoders.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein said user interface is equipment already existing in the facility and said administrator is adapted to be compatible with said equipment, and wherein the infrared signals are signals pre-programmed to be utilized by said plurality of decoders.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein said cable network in said facility is adapted to receive and demodulate said first modulated signal for display on said first media player.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a plurality of controllers, each of the plurality of controllers is configured to control the plurality of decoders.

13. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein said controller is further adapted to instruct a second decoder to select a second file on said source and cause a second data stream to be transmitted by said source to said second decoder for conversion into a second analog signal for transmission to a second media player.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13 comprising:

a first modulator for receiving said analog signal and modulating said analog signal into a first modulated signal;

a second modulator for receiving said second analog signal and converting said second analog signal into a second modulated signal;

said first and second modulated signals being received into a combiner for creating a combined modulated signal for transmission across the cable network, wherein each of the modulated signals are demodulated by one or more media players for playback on a dedicated channel.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of administering media in a facility comprising:

providing a controller for receiving instructions selecting media content through a data network of the facility;

interfacing with said controller using facility equipment to control one or more decoding devices through infrared signals;

causing a first decoding device to receive a first digital data stream from a source;

using a first decoding device from the one or more decoding devices to convert said first digital data stream into a first analog signal; and

transmitting said first analog signal to a first media player through a cable network functioning separately from ~~a~~ said data network of said facility.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 comprising:

generating said first data stream in MPEG format, wherein the first data stream is generated by a user selection of one of a plurality of media files through the facility equipment.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 comprising:

interfacing with said controller using one of a telephone, serially connected PC, or a networked PC; and

providing a series of prompts that are synchronously displayed by a media player in a location of said telephone, said serially connected PC, or said networked PC for controlling playback of said first digital data stream.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 comprising:

modulating the first analog signal into a first modulated signal; and
transmitting said first modulated signal into said cable network in said facility.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 18 comprising:

using said controller to control a second decoding device;
causing said second decoding device to receive a second data stream from said source;
converting said second data stream into a second analog signal using said second decoding device;
modulating said second analog signal into a second modulated signal;
delivering said second modulated signal into said cable network along with said first modulated signal using a combiner, wherein said first analog signal and said second analog signal are demodulated for display on one of a plurality of dedicated channels by one or more media players.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of administering digital data stream content in a facility comprising:

providing an administering system including a data streams source, a plurality of decoding devices, a controller for controlling decoding of one of a plurality of files by the plurality of decoding devices via infrared signals, said controller having a user interface for receiving selections of media content through a facilities computer network, and a modulator;
controlling selection of a file by a user through said user interface to decode said file to generate a data stream of media content for playback at one of a plurality of media players;
coordinating modulation of one or more data streams from the plurality of decoding devices into a combined data stream, wherein each of the data streams may be displayed by the plurality of media players on a dedicated channel broadcast through a cable network of the facility independent from the facilities computer network; and
using said administering system to cause any data stream to by pass the facilities computer network.